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FINKSBURG SURVEY DISTRICT

19th & 20th c.

Old Westminster Pike
Finksburg

private

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic FINKSBURG SURVEY DISTRICT

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Old Westminster Pike not for publication

city, town Finksburg vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple private owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | date of move _____ |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: The Finksburg Survey District contains structures of the regional architectural style in Carroll County. This vernacular style is characterized by log construction covered in weatherboard, two stories, gable roof, and L-shaped plans. Changes occurred with the coming of the railroad in 1862, with some commercial and residential structures reflecting the rural Victorian details popular in this region. The prosperity brought by the railroad and developing industries can be seen in the few late 19th and early 20th century buildings.

Description: Finksburg was laid out on a relatively level stretch of land along the turnpike road. Its characteristics are typical of villages in this region, with the houses located close to the road and fairly close together.

The architecture of the early house presents the regional architectural style in Carroll County. This vernacular style is characterized by log construction covered in weatherboard, two stories, gable roof, and L-shaped plans. Houses such as 3021 and 3005 Old Westminster Pike are of log construction and contain these regional characteristics.

The arrival of the railroad in 1862 brought some changes to the community. Architecturally, houses were updated to Victorian styles with the construction of an ornamental porch and/or central gabled dormer. 3114 Old Westminster Pike is considered the oldest house, but it was completely remodeled in the late 19th century and now is the best Victorian example in the village.

The commercial buildings also reflect these changes. During the early history of the community, businesses were conducted within the residences. For example, 3051 Old Westminster Pike was the hotel. The one-story crafts shop at 3021 Old Westminster Pike is an excellent example of its type. The Victorian commercial style is represented by the brick store at 3003 Old Westminster Pike.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| ___ prehistoric | ___ archeology-prehistoric | ___ community planning | ___ landscape architecture | ___ religion | | |
| ___ 1400-1499 | ___ archeology-historic | ___ conservation | ___ law | ___ science | | |
| ___ 1500-1599 | ___ agriculture | ___ economics | ___ literature | ___ sculpture | | |
| ___ 1600-1699 | XX architecture | ___ education | ___ military | ___ social/ | | |
| ___ 1700-1799 | ___ art | ___ engineering | ___ music | ___ humanitarian | | |
| XX 1800-1899 | XX commerce | ___ exploration/settlement | ___ philosophy | ___ theater | | |
| XX 1900- | ___ communications | ___ industry | ___ politics/government | ___ transportation | | |
| | | ___ invention | | ___ other (specify) | | |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: XX A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___
and/or

Applicable Exception: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Level of Significance: ___ national ___ state ___ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: Finksburg is a small residential and commercial community whose history is representative of the pattern of small town development in Carroll County. It was a turnpike town that began with the establishment of a tavern by Adam Fink about 1810. The tavern created a site for a commercial center and soon other businesses were established, including a store and blacksmith's shop. This was followed by a church and school. A period of growth and industrial expansion began with the construction of the Western Maryland Railroad in 1862. However, the biggest change wrought on the community came with the construction of Maryland Route 140 in 1954.

History: Finksburg is laid out on a land parcel originally patented in 1750 as "Hooker's Meadow" by Thomas Hooker and resurveyed in 1763 for 461 acres. The tract was located along an Indian trail and early wagon road. In 1810, Adam Fink purchased a 15 acre parcel and established a tavern

Scharf's History of Western Maryland (pp.868-69) states that the town was laid out by a Mr. Quigly in 1813. Its early history is depicted by the mechanical crafts and commercial enterprises typical of a village serving an agricultural area.

In 1862, the Western Maryland Railroad passed north of Finksburg and led to industrial and commercial development of the community. Local histories describe some of the activity including the Patapsco Mining Company, Finksburg Cannery and the Baltimore Roofing and Asbestos Manufacturing Company (later known as Congoleum).

The construction of Maryland Route 140 in 1954 bypassed the town center but still had a large impact on the community, effectively cutting off the older turnpike town from the later railroad depot development. While some properties were demolished, most of the early buildings of the community still exist.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-987

Frazier, Linda M. "It all Started in 1841--The Story of the Fraziers and Finksburg." 1970 manuscript in verticle files of the Historical Society of Carroll County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name FinksburgQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe Gettyorganization Carroll Co. Dept. of Planningdate January 1985street & number 225 N. Center Streettelephone 848-4500city or town Westminterstate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

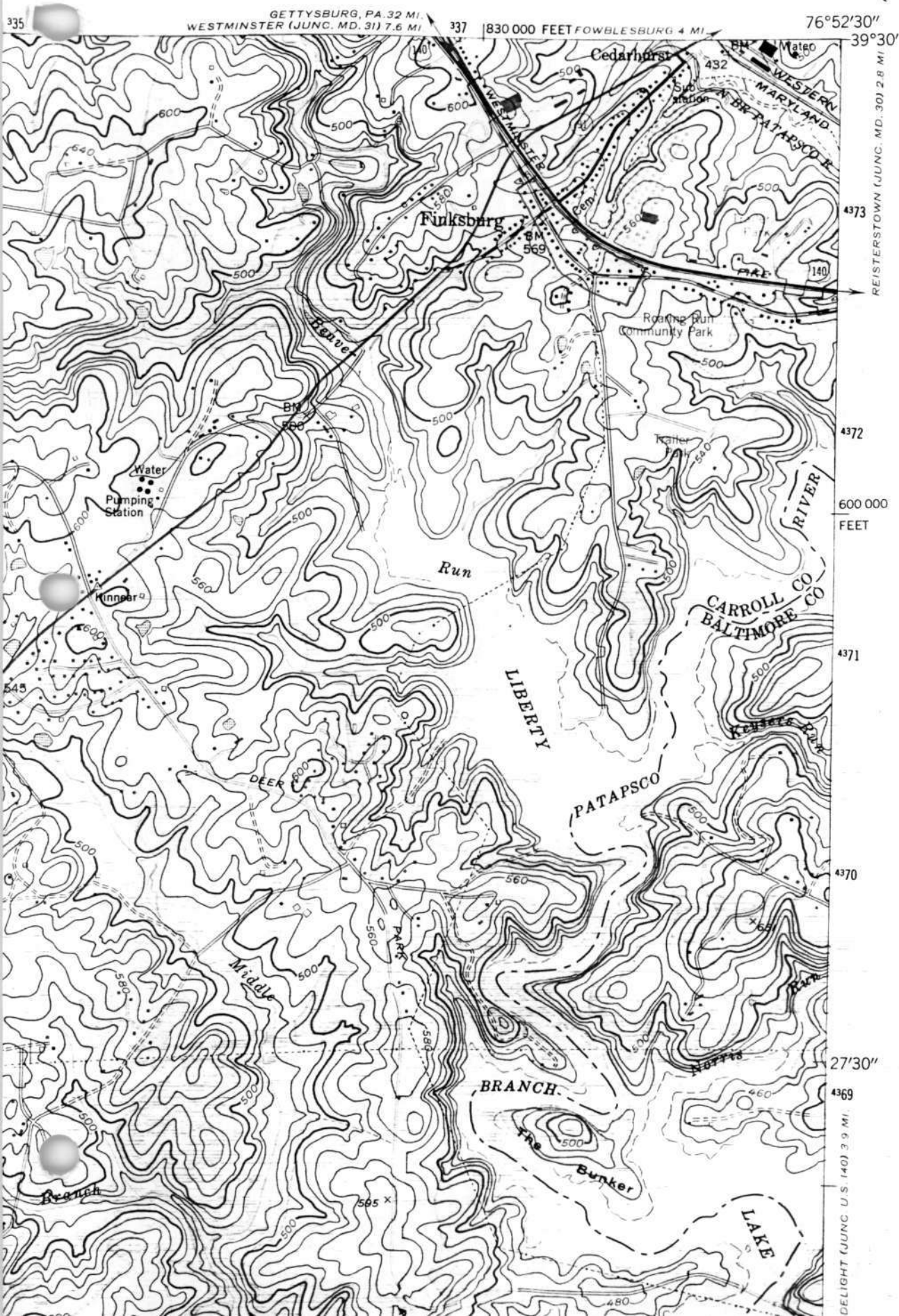
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Martenet's Map of Carroll County, Maryland, 1862

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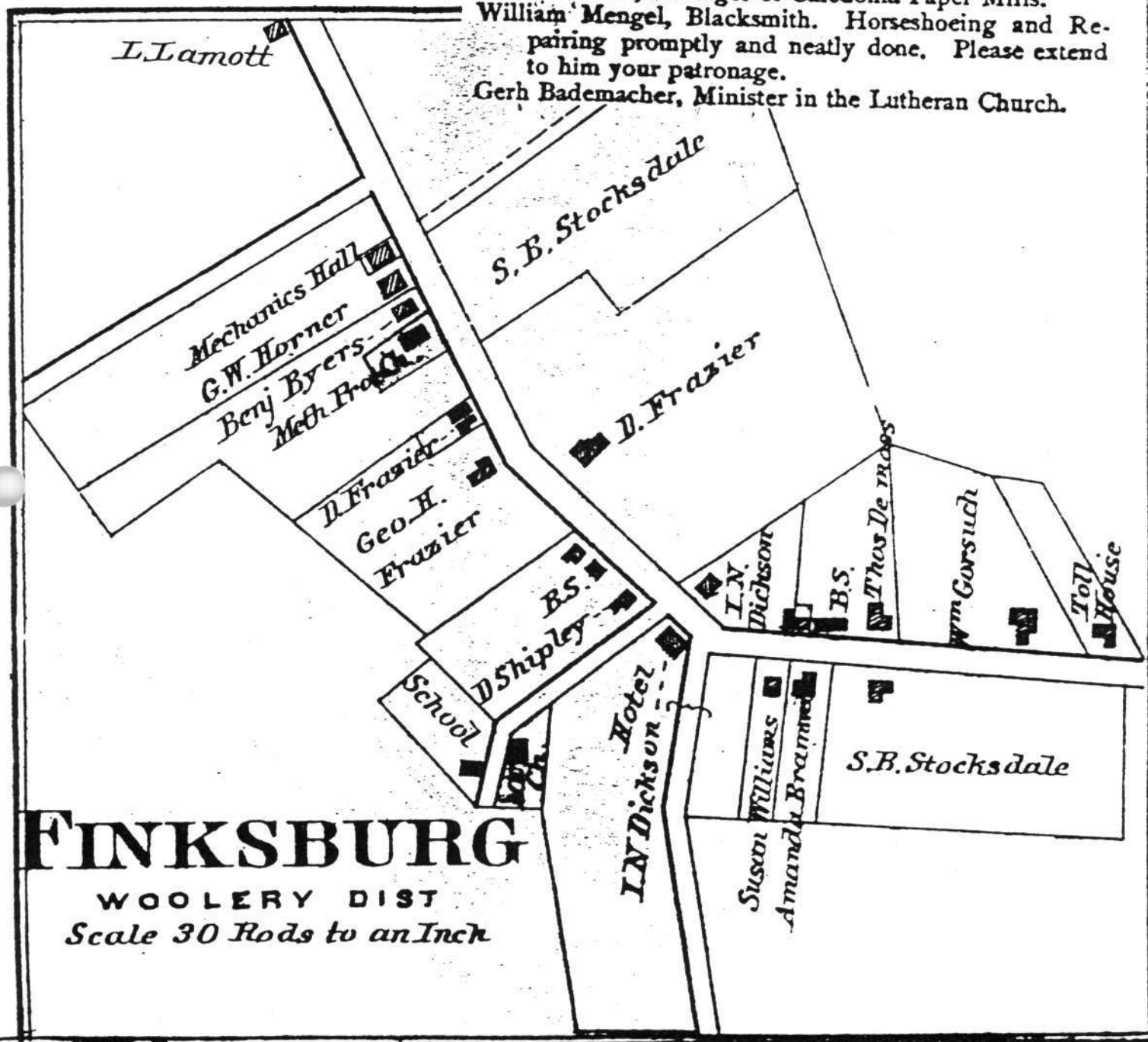
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2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. December 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. Old Westminster Pike, view north from
center of town
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